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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: U.S. PARTICIPATIN IN SELECTED
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' ACTIVITIES

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1. MISSION STRONGLY URGES DEPARTMENT AND GAO TO RECONSIDER NEED AND APPROPRIATENESS OF FURTHER VISITS TO GENEVA-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AT THIS TIME. WE APPRECIATE DISCRETION WHICH MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE IN THIS RESPECT, AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT TO CALL UPON SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS FOR FOURTH TIME SINCE JUNE WOULD BE AN IMPOSITION ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

2. TO RECAPITULATE: (A) IN RESPONSE TO STATE 119255, EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED BY GENERALLY SAME GAO OFFICIALS DURING A TWO AND ONE-HALF WEEK PERIOD IN JUNE REGARDING U.S. CITIZEN EMPLOYMENT IN ITU AND WHO. DURING SUMMER MONTHS ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE (B) FIRST FOR SENATOR JAVITS AND THEREAFTER (C) FOR SENATOR RIBICOFF TO MEET WITH AND QUERY GENEVA SENIOR OFFICIALS ABOUT OPERATIONS OF THEIR AGENCIES; AND (D) BETWEEN AUGUST 4-14 SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS CONBOY AND UNCLASSIFIED

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HOFF MET WITH GENEVA SECRETARIATS AT BOTH SENIOR AND WORKING

LEVELS TO INQUIRE INTO PRECISELY SUBJECT AREAS GAO NOW PLANS TO INVESTIGATE. (SURVEY INCLUDED WHO, ILO, INFDAC, ICEM, WMO, UNHCR AND JIU.)

3. MISSION EXPLAINED TO CONBOY AND HOFF GREAT MISGIVINGS WE HAVE ABOUT ORGANIZING ONE MORE SUCH SURVEY RIGHT ON HEELS OF THEIR DEPARTURE. THEY INDICATED TO US APPRECIATION OF PROBLEMS THIS COULD PROVOKE, AND LEFT IMPRESSION GAO MAY HAVE MISINTERPRETED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE. CATTO

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